(*b*) 4,809 books were supplied to the libraries, after the libraries were transferred to the Minister's control.

(*c*) Rs. 8,320 (till 15th Makaram 1116), after the libraries were transferred to the Minister's control.

CENTRAL BANK—FREE SUPPLY OF STATIONERY

304. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will Government be kind enough to state whether they are supplying any stationery free to the Central Bank of India?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* No.

MATTANCHERI ROAD BRIDGE—CLOSING OF

305. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) for what purpose the Mattancheri road bridge was closed for traffic between the hours of 7-30 and 9-30 a.m. on 28th December 1940;

(*b*) whether their attention has been drawn to an advertisement dated 21st December 1940 published in "the Hindu" of Tuesday, December 24, 1940, regarding the closing of the bridge, as mentioned in question No. (*a*) above, by the Executive Engineer;

(*c*) will Government be pleased to state whether any other bridge in the State was or is so closed at any time?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) For works purposes.

(*b*) There was a notice published in "the Hindu".

(*c*) It is the practice everywhere to close bridges for constructional purposes.

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS—CIRCULATION OF

306. Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have any information regarding the present circulation of newspapers and other periodicals published in Cochin State;

(*b*) if not, will Government be pleased to ascertain from the publishers concerned the information required;

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